



City of Covington

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HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION MINUTES

February 9, 2012 - 6:30 p.m.

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Haris Ahmad called the February 9, 2012 meeting of the Human Services Commission to order at 6:40 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Haris Ahmad, Saqib Ahmad, Leslie Hamada, Colleen Holmes, Fran McGregor-Hollums

MEMBERS ABSENT

Aunna Moriarty and Sue Ray were excused

CITY STAFF PRESENT

Victoria Throm, Personnel & Human Services Analyst
Noreen Beaufrere, Personnel Manager

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Ahmad led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

CM MCGREGOR-HOLLUMS MOVED AND CM HOLMES SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND THE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 12, 2012. VOTE: 5-0. MOTION CARRIED.

GUEST SPEAKER: BARRY FRETWELL, DIRECTOR OF PROJECT U(th)

Mr. Fretwell and Kentlake student Kei'l Corr addressed the commission about Project U(th). The group is currently meeting in the Human Services office space but is looking for a permanent location to set up their program in Covington. Kei'l is a student leader with Project U(th). She has served at the Senior Center, Showare Center as a caterer and is involved in the Covington pet licensing project. Mr. Fretwell noted how important these opportunities are for youth to serve while learning new skills and gain work experience for their future. They also have a 15-passenger van.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item 1 . Review 4th Quarter Human Service Outcome Reports

The commission reviewed the final outcome reports for 2011. They noted they would like Victoria to follow through with Volunteer Chore Services as to their plan to

increase the number of volunteer chore hours in 2012. There was also a discussion about Storehouse regarding their ability to provide more demographic information.

Item 2. Review Human Services Master Plan with Council's Revision

The commission briefly reviewed the revisions to the master plan recommended by council as well as additional sections completed by Victoria. She has the new data from the 2010 census that has been added. Another review will take place in March.

Item 3. Adopt Human Service Funding Priorities for 2013-14

The commission agreed to keep the funding priorities as written from the last funding cycle. The priorities are:

- Meeting community basics (access to resources to meet immediate or basic needs).
- Increase self-reliance (breaking the cycle of poverty, removing barriers to employment).
- Strengthening families (supporting positive development, early intervention and prevention services).
- Safe community (services that reduce crime, violence and neglect).
- Improve health and well-being (provide access to mental, physical, dental services to improve well-being).

NEW BUSINESS:

Item 4. Adopt the 2012 Work Calendar

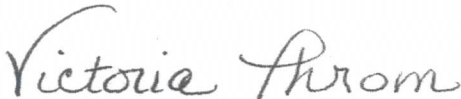
A draft work plan calendar was reviewed. The commission added presentations from the following agencies to their work plan: YWCA (May), Community in Schools of Kent (March), King County Sexual Assault Resource Center (June), and Catholic Community Services (November). A site visit to the Maple Valley Food Bank was also recommended for new commissioners. That date will be set at a later date.

COMMENTS

Victoria announced she will be hosting a table at the annual DAWN fundraising breakfast in April. She will forward the email invitation.

With no further business, Chair Ahmad adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Submitted by:



Victoria Throm
Personnel & Human Services Analyst